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## QUARTERLY REPORT April - June 1984

During this quarter, the Fund initiated a large scale advertising campaign. The Fund mailed a letter and an offer of a copy of Clear Intent in return for a contribution directly to 5,000 Fate and 5,000 Omni readers. The recipients of the fund-raising letter were randomly selected from the large mailing lists of these magazines. The results of this mailing have been disappointing so far. It is hoped that the forthcoming publicity campaign for Clear Intent will increase the number of orders.

The Clamar-Hopkins-Bleecher psychological study of abduction cases, which was completed during the last quarter, is being reviewed. It should become available for purchase from the Fund during the late Fall of this year. A considerably shortened version will be published by the Center for UFO Studies in a forthcoming issue.

The Fund will sell Clear Intent when it becomes available. The most recent availability date is now early July. Those of you who have already paid for the book should be patient. Initial preparations are being made for a press conference at the Pentagon when Larry Fawcett, co-author of Clear Intent, comes to the Washington area in late July.

The Fund is now selling copies of Dr. Winkler's report on collected pre-1947 sightings and his astronomical analysis.

The Fund will sponsor Richard Hall at the July MUFON meeting. The Fund is proud to announce that the 1984 MUFON Conference Proceedings are being dedicated to Mr. Hall, in recognition of his many contributions to scientific ufology. He was the editor of the MUFON Journal for many years.

The Executive Committee voted to purchase copies of Canadian government UFO documents as they become available. Stanton Friedman will be receiving heretofore unavailable documents in response to a series of Canadian FOIA requests. The Fund will make copies of the documents available for purchase as they become available.

Isabel Davis, a member of the Executive Committee, died on June 19. The Fund was honored to have Miss Davis as a member. She was active in ufology from the early 1950s, when she was a member of Civilian Saucer Intelligence in New York City. She was the Executive Assistant to Donald Keyhoe at NICAP during the late '60s and subsequently became a member of MUFON. She is known for her investigation of the so-called Kelly-Hopkinsville creature sighting in the literature, is reported in detail in a publication available from the Center for UFO Studies. The Executive Committee is considering setting up a special "Lifetime Achievement" award to be awarded periodically in her name. Contributions for this special award are requested from those who knew her and profited by her endeavors.

The UFONET Computer Project of the Fund operated continuously through this quarter. It has turned out to be considerably more expensive than the Executive Committee had been lead to believe by the INFOMEDIA Corp. The Fund is charged \$60/hr = \$1/min for connect time to the central computer. Since each participant is asked to check in at least once a week, and since each connection lasts over a minute if any sizeable message is transferred one way or another, each investigator would be connected to the central computer for perhaps ten minutes/month for a charge of about \$10/month. (Note that telephone connect charges are added to this cost, but so far are running at only about 1/10 of the connect time charge.) If a flap occurred and a reasonably large number of UFO reports were being transferred, the connect time would increase considerably. With only one investigator per state, the cost per month would be fifty times greater, or \$500/month, and this is in the absence of a flap.

The Fund cannot support a continuous expenditure at this level without an increase in donations. There are several alternatives: (1) solicit special donations for the computer network; (2) charge participants a flat rate of about \$10/month (exact amount to be determined) and have the Fund cover any added expenditures caused by a flap; (3) negotiate a charge reduction by INFOMEDIA, if such is possible; (4) try to locate another central computer service which would charge less; and (5) set up the Fund's own computer with a 24 hour phone service for receiving calls. Although all of these alternatives will be considered, it is clear that the last alternative would be the most expensive initially and the most cost-effective in the long run.

(If anyone would care to donate or sell for a "low, low price" a megabyte system capable of handling UFONET, please contact the Fund.)

If you are a participant in UFONET, please send a letter to the Fund indicating whether or not you would be willing to pay for your own connect time, and--if so--at what level (i.e., would you be willing to pay all of, or only part of, your own connect charges, or would you be willing to pay a flat rate; and if a flat rate, how much per month?)

Treasurer's Report

TOTAL ASSETS, end of 2nd Quarter.....\$7,167.32

EXPENSES.....\$3,142.77

INCOME.....2,369.33

\$773.44 (net loss)

A modest contribution of \$5 or \$10 from each contributor to the Fund for UFO Research would help us get over our present financial difficulty. Without your support, the Fund cannot provide quality scientific research to solve the UFO mystery. Please send your tax-deductible contribution today in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Also, please note on the enclosed flyer an order form to request copies of Clear Intent, the Dr. Lewis Winkler study on pre-1947 sightings, and advanced orders for the Clamar-Hopkins-Bloecher psychological study of individuals who claim to have been "abducted" by UFO occupants. The results of the study may surprise you!